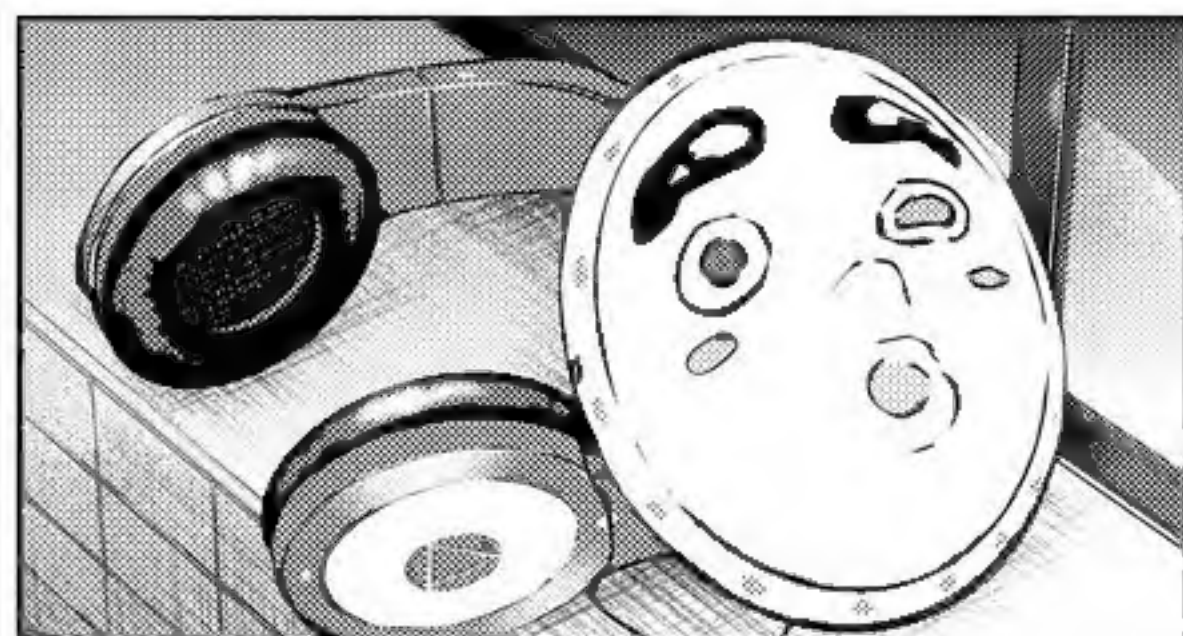
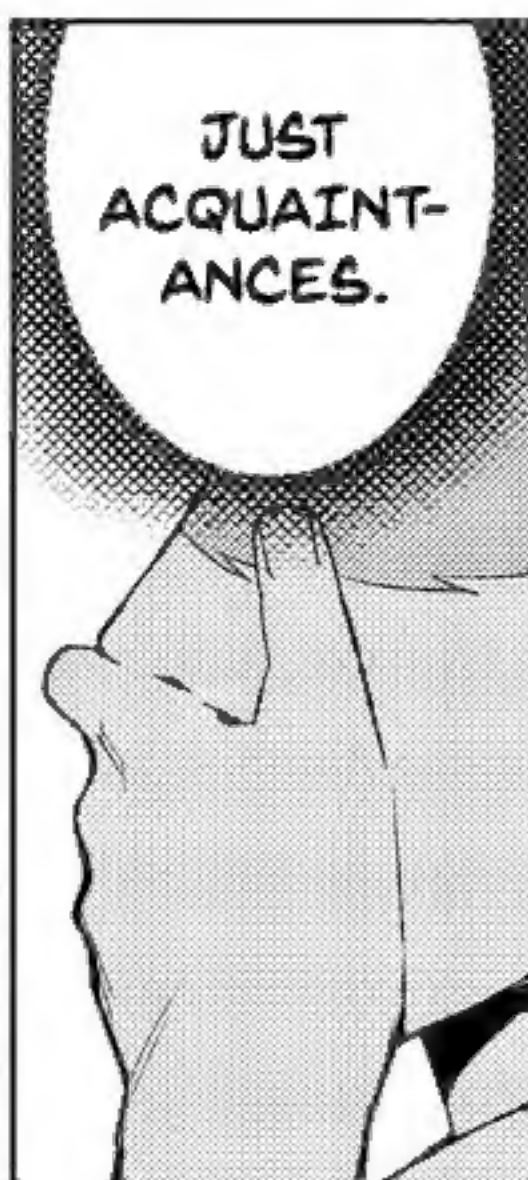




## Chapter 10: Today's a Day Off ④





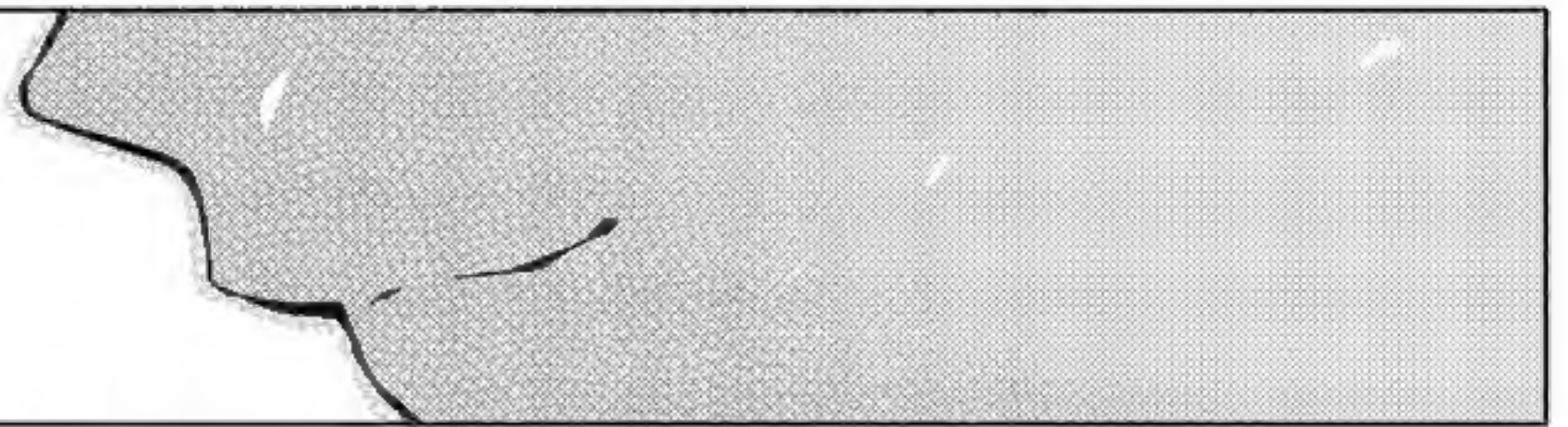






SO I  
CAN'T GO  
SEE THE  
FIREWORKS.

I GOT A  
SUDDEN  
REQUEST  
FOR A  
JOB...



I WANT  
AN EXPLA-  
NATION!

O-OI,  
WAIT.

SORRY,  
I'VE GOT  
PEOPLE  
WAITING,  
SO...

YEAH,  
THAT'S  
NOT  
GONNA  
FLY.

I MEAN,  
WE ALL  
HAVE THE  
SAME FACE  
SO IT'S NOT  
LIKE ANYONE  
WILL NOTICE  
IF I'M  
MISSING.



WHY?









HE'S  
SOMEONE  
I WORK  
WITH.

ISN'T HE  
LOOKING  
FOR YOU?



AIN'T  
THAT THE  
OLD MAN  
YOU WERE  
WITH?



THIS IS  
BAD! HE'S  
COMING  
THIS WAY!



AAAAH!  
WE'RE NOT  
GONNA  
MAKE IT  
IN TIME!

MAYBE  
WE CAN  
GET AWAY  
THROUGH  
THE BACK  
OF THE  
ALLEY...

HOW  
SHOULD  
I KNOW!

WHAT DO  
I DO...?  
HE'S GONNA  
BE MAD  
AT ME FOR  
SNEAKING  
OUT OF WORK  
TO COME  
HERE!

PEEK









OI...

HOW LONG ARE WE SUPPOSED TO KEEP THIS UP FOR?

HMM?



HYUUP.

WHY DO YOU HAVE TO SIT THERE!?



SORRY...

JUST A LITTLE LONGER.



FUFU...

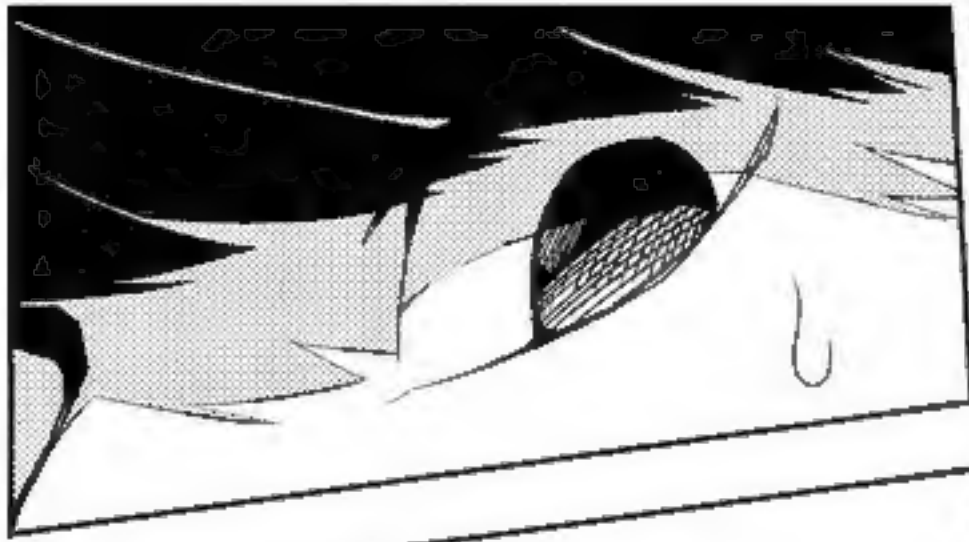


HM... WELL... WE'RE NOT IN A WESTERN COUNTRY SO I GUESS THAT'D BE THE NATURAL CONCLUSION.

SAY, IF PEOPLE SAW US LIKE THIS, WOULD THEY THINK WE WERE DATING?







WE'RE...  
FRIENDS?

HUH?



SINCE  
WE'RE  
ONLY  
FRIENDS,

I FEEL  
A BIT  
GUILTY  
DOING  
THIS.



I'M JUST  
A HIRED  
TUTOR.

AND I  
NEVER  
WOULD'VE  
MET YOU  
GUYS IF  
IT WASN'T  
FOR THIS  
JOB,  
RIGHT?

SO  
HEARING  
YOU SAY  
THAT WE'RE  
FRIENDS  
IS UN-  
CANNY...



UM....  
I THINK  
YOU'RE  
GETTING  
AHEAD OF  
YOURSELF IF  
YOU THINK A  
HUG MAKES US  
MORE THAN  
FRIENDS.

T-THAT'S  
NOT WHAT  
I MEANT...!





WHAT  
KIND OF  
ANNOYING  
LOGIC IS  
THAT?

HUH?



WERE  
MIKU'S  
FEELINGS  
HURT BY MY  
STATEMENT  
AT THAT TIME  
TOO...?



AND HERE I  
THOUGHT WE  
WERE FRIENDS,  
BUT IT TURNS  
OUT I WAS THE  
ONLY ONE WHO  
THOUGHT SO.

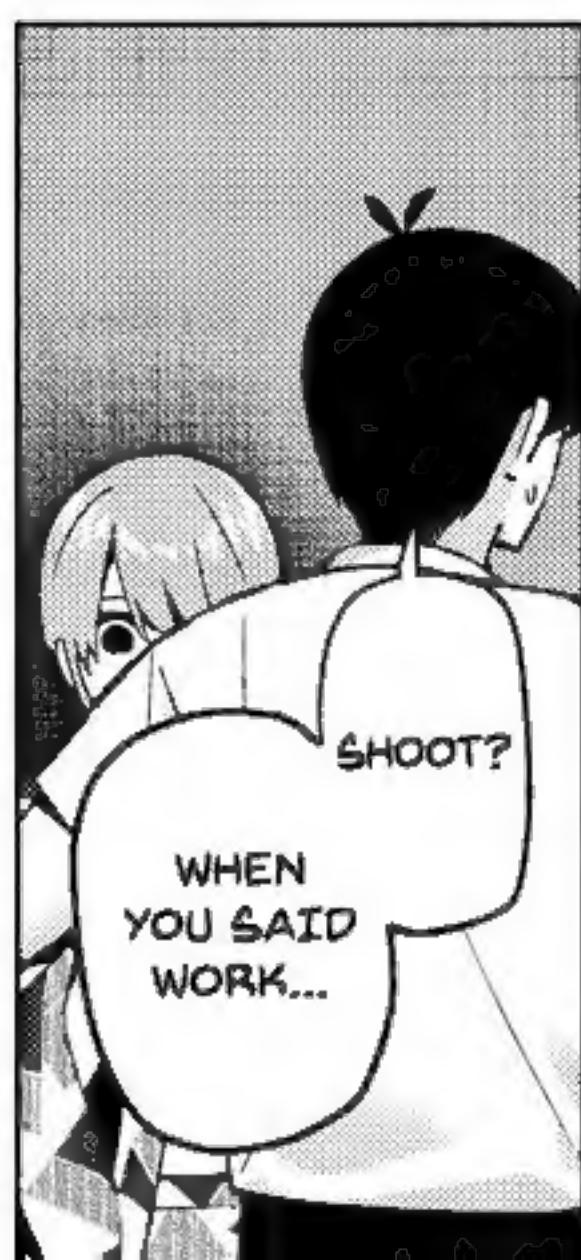
NO...  
I JUST...

THAT  
BREAKS  
MY  
HEART~



SHOCK

HELLO?



SHOOT?

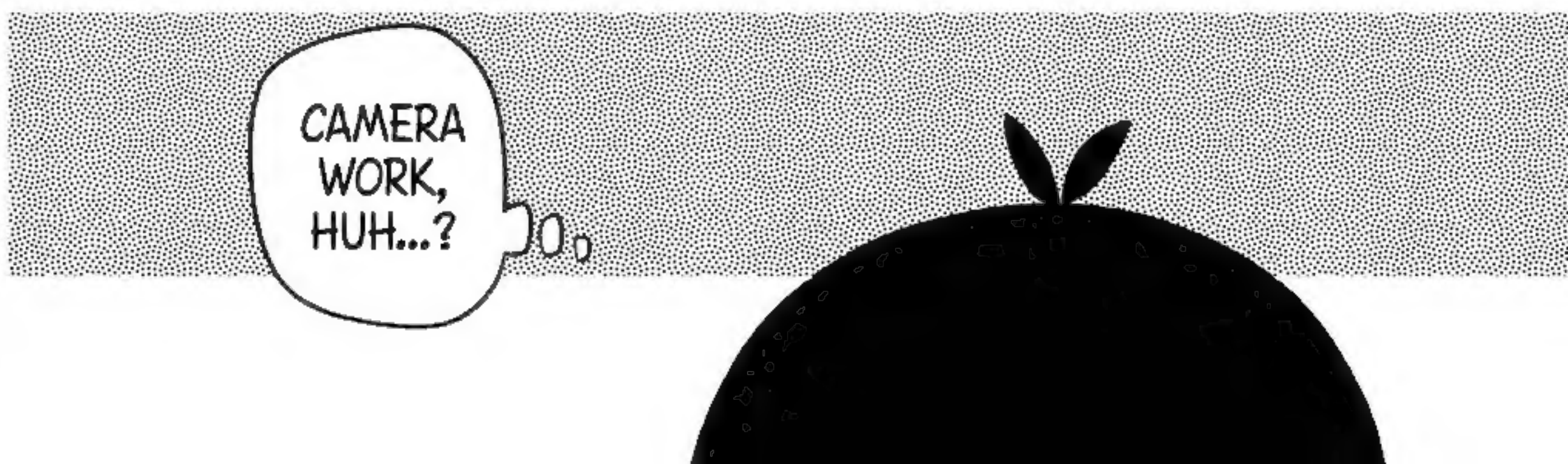
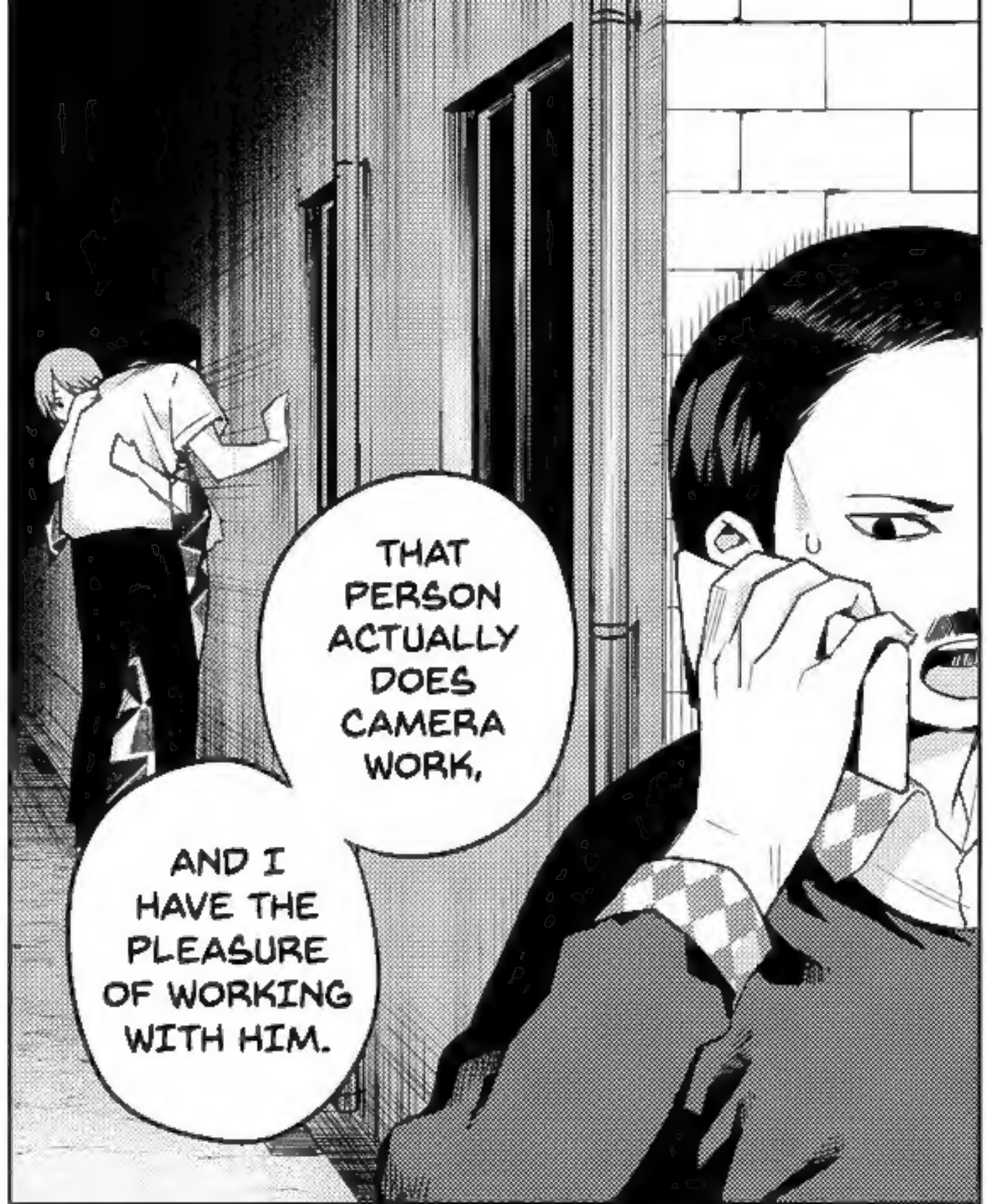
WHEN  
YOU SAID  
WORK...



WE'VE  
RUN INTO  
A BIT OF  
TROUBLE...

BUT  
THE  
SHOOT  
WENT  
WELL,  
SO...





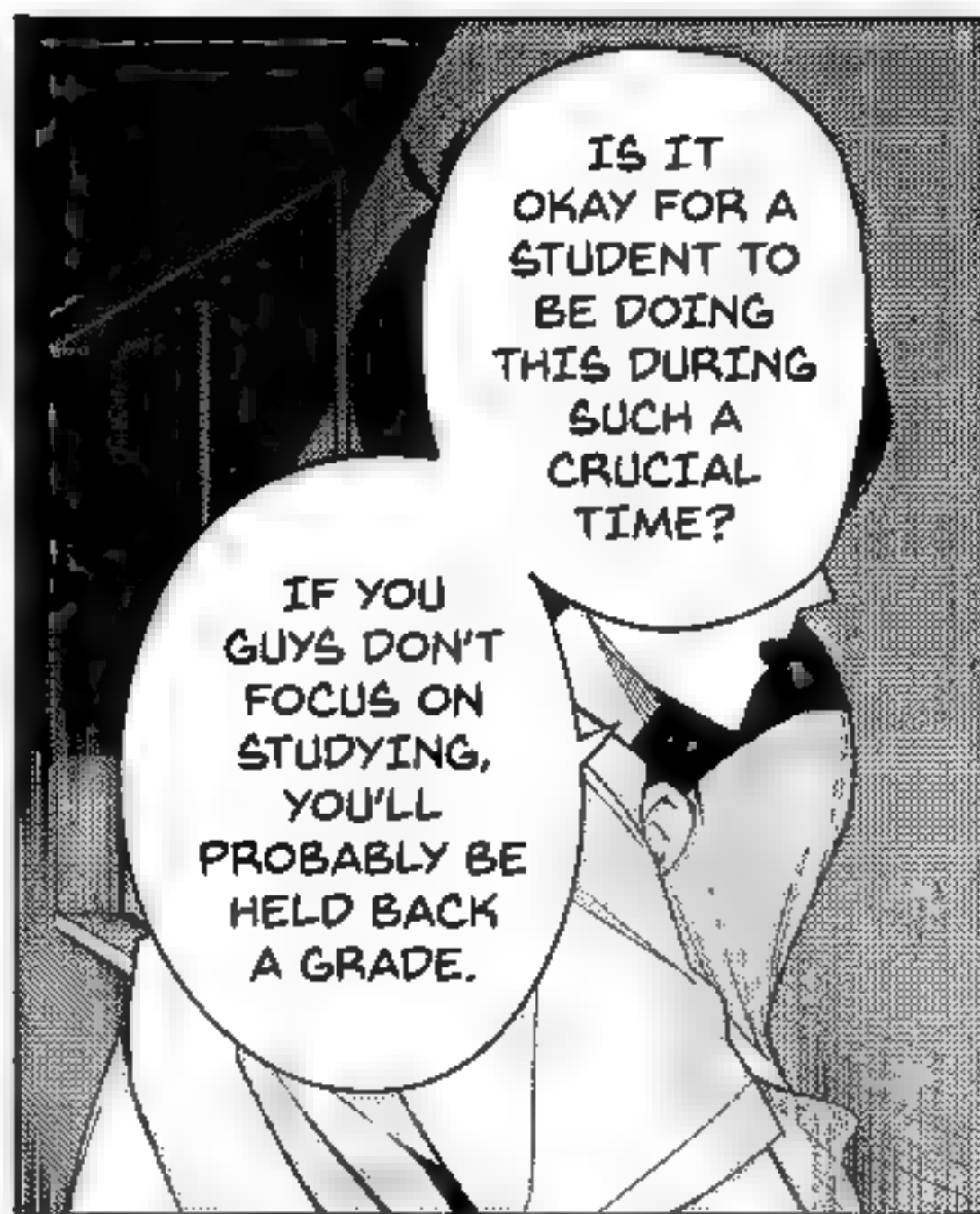


FUUTAROU-  
KUN, WHY  
DO YOU  
STUDY?



IS IT  
OKAY FOR A  
STUDENT TO  
BE DOING  
THIS DURING  
SUCH A  
CRUCIAL  
TIME?

IF YOU  
GUYS DON'T  
FOCUS ON  
STUDYING,  
YOU'LL  
PROBABLY BE  
HELD BACK  
A GRADE.



WHY  
DO I-



CRAP-



!



THERE  
YOU ARE,  
ICHIKA-  
CHAN!

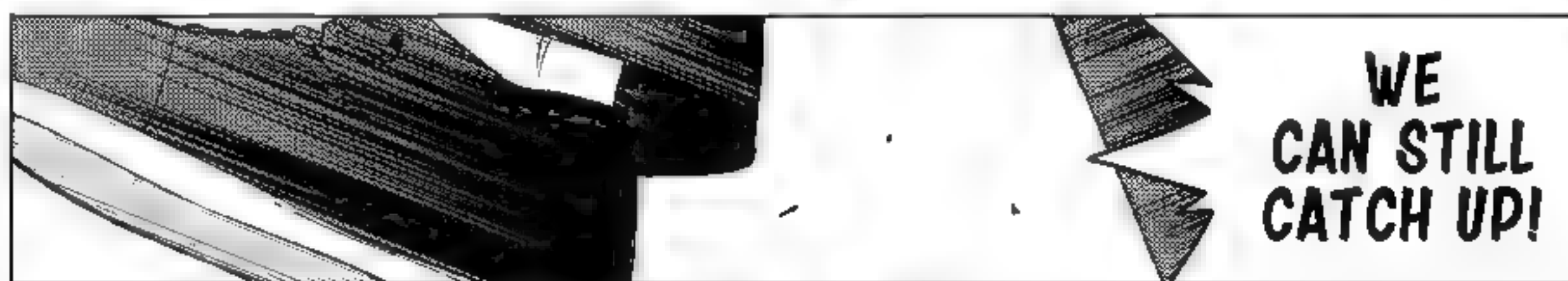
THAT'S...















OOF.

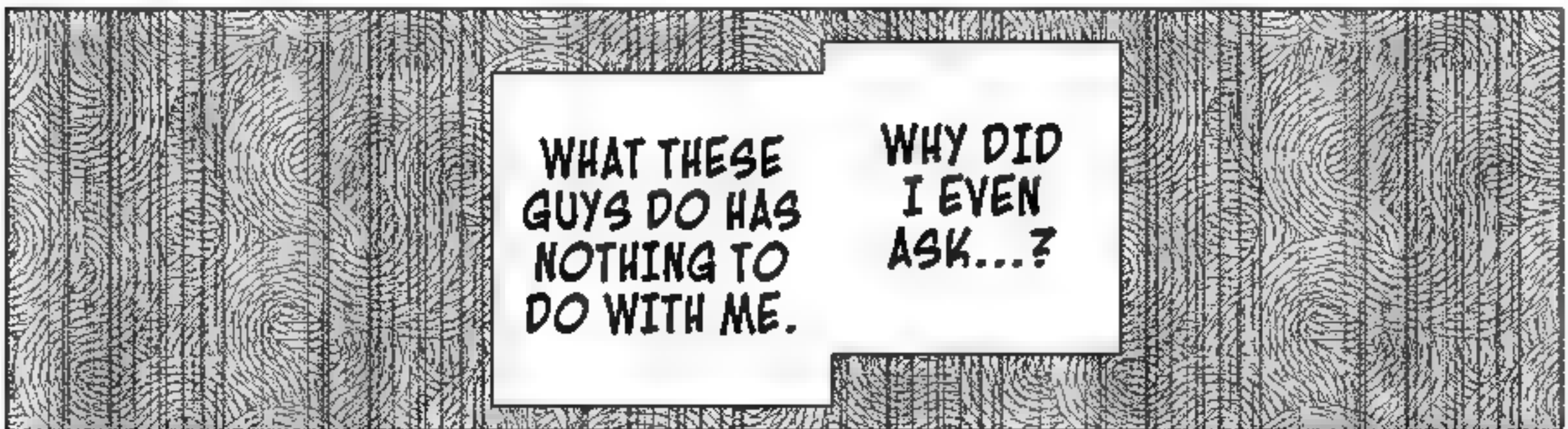
BECAUSE  
APPARENTLY  
WE'RE NOT  
FRIENDS.



NOT  
TELLING.



WELL I  
DID SAY  
THAT,  
BUT...



WHAT THESE  
GUYS DO HAS  
NOTHING TO  
DO WITH ME.

WHY DID  
I EVEN  
ASK...?

**NOTHING AT ALL!**



IS THERE  
ANY POINT  
IN ASKING  
ME?



IT'S  
NOTHING.



WHAT  
SORT OF  
RELATIONSHIP  
DO YOU HAVE  
WITH ICHIKA-  
CHAN?



SHOULD YOU  
NOT ALREADY  
KNOW THE  
ANSWER  
TO THAT  
QUESTION?

